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Implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem: follow-up to the high-level review by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in view of the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

Draft resolution submitted by the Chair

Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs,

Recalling the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[1] adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/182 of 18 December 2009,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 68/197 of 18 December 2013 and 69/201 of 18 December 2014, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem",

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014, entitled "Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016",

Recalling its resolution 57/5 of 21 March 2014, entitled "Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016",

* E/CN.7/2015/1.
[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 8* (E/2009/28), chap. I, sect. C.

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Recalling also its decision 57/2 of 4 December 2014, entitled "Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016",

1. *Welcomes* the decision made by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/200 that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the central policymaking body within the United Nations system dealing with drug-related matters, should lead the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner;

2. *Decides*, in response to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/200, to continue to take all possible measures to ensure an adequate, inclusive and effective preparatory process for the special session by using its existing meeting and reporting entitlements in the most efficient manner;

3. *Also decides* that, in preparation for the special session, it will hold formal meetings following its fifty-eighth session, including two formal meetings during its reconvened fifty-eighth session in December 2015, and up to eight meetings during its fifty-ninth session, to be held in March 2016, and that it will hold intersessional meetings with a view to preparing for those formal meetings;

4. *Welcomes* the invitation by the General Assembly to the President of the Assembly to support, guide and stay involved in the preparatory process, notes with appreciation the ongoing coordination with the President of the Assembly, and looks forward to continuing close cooperation with the President of the Assembly in the preparations for the special session;

5. *Resolves* to inform the General Assembly regularly about the work it is undertaking in preparation for the special session, including by presenting a report on the progress made in the preparations to the Assembly during the consideration by the Assembly, at its seventieth session, of the agenda item on international cooperation to address the world drug problem;

6. *Decides* to recommend to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 67/193 of 20 December 2012, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem", in which it decided to convene, in early 2016, a special session on the world drug problem to review the progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[1] including an assessment of the achievements and challenges in countering the world drug problem, within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant United Nations instruments,

Recalling also its resolutions 68/197 of 18 December 2013 and 69/201 of 18 December 2014, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem",

Recalling further its resolution 69/200 of 18 December 2014, entitled "Special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016",

1. *Welcomes* Commission on Narcotic Drugs resolution 58/[...] of [...] March 2015;

2. *Decides* that the special session on the world drug problem will be convened for three days, from 19 to 21 April 2016, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, following the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, scheduled to be held in March 2016;

3. *Also decides* that the organizational arrangements for the special session will be as follows:

(a) The special session shall consist of a general debate and interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables conducted in parallel to the plenary;

(b) The opening of the general debate shall include statements by the Secretary-General, the President of the General Assembly, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the President of the International Narcotics Control Board;

(c) The general debate shall also include statements by Member States, observer States and observers, as well as by representatives of non-governmental organizations chosen by the President of the Assembly, in consultation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, with due regard to geographical balance;

(d) The President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, shall draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that may participate in the special session;

(e) The President of the General Assembly, in consultation with the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, shall also draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, representatives of civil society and the scientific community, youth representatives and other relevant stakeholders that may participate in the special session, with due regard to geographical balance, for submission to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis, and shall bring the list to the attention of the General Assembly;

(f) The Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session, shall define, in close coordination with the President of the General Assembly, the themes, substantive focus and organizational arrangements, including chairing arrangements, speakers and participation, for the round tables;

(g) A summary of the salient points raised during the round tables will be prepared by the Chairs of those round tables;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the entity leading the preparations for the special session by addressing all organizational and substantive matters in an open-ended manner, to report at the opening of the

special session on the preparations that have been undertaken for the special session;

5. *Also requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to produce a short, concise and action-oriented document consisting of a set of operational recommendations aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem,[1] for adoption at the plenary of the special session;

6. *Reiterates* the importance of an inclusive preparatory process, including extensive substantive consultations, and encourages organs, entities and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, relevant international and regional organizations, civil society and other relevant stakeholders to continue to fully contribute to the process by actively participating in the preparations undertaken by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure and established practice;

7. *Encourages* all Member States, observer States and observers to consider being represented at the special session at the highest political level;

8. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes set out in the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.